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OPTICAL DISK PLAYER AND CIRCUIT
THEREFOR
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown rewritten below with amendments effected therein. Appendix I is attached hereto having marked versions of said claims with amendments indicated by brackets and underlining.

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5. (Amended) A method of controlling a laser diode for use in an optical disk player as set forth in claim 1 or 2, wherein the light from said laser diode is turned off in synchronism with a signal obtained by multiplying said data playback clock signal created from the data signal that is read from the optical disk.

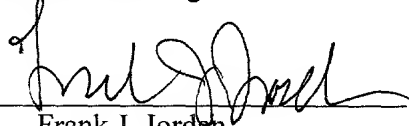
6. (Amended) A method of controlling a laser diode for use in an optical disk player as set forth in claim 1 or 2, wherein the ratio of a time for which said laser diode is made to emit to a time for which said laser diode is not made to emit is varied at will.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to avoid having a multiple dependent claim depend on another multiple dependent claim.

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Appendix I (Amended claims with amendments indicated therein by brackets and underlining)

APPENDIX I

**AMENDED CLAIMS WITH AMENDMENTS INDICATED THEREIN
BY BRACKETS AND UNDERLINING**

5. (Amended) A method of controlling a laser diode for use in an optical disk player as set forth in [any one of claims 1-4] claim 1 or 2, wherein the light from said laser diode is turned off in synchronism with a signal obtained by multiplying said data playback clock signal created from the data signal that is read from the optical disk.

6. (Amended) A method of controlling a laser diode for use in an optical disk player as set forth in [any one of claims 1-5] claim 1 or 2, wherein the ratio of a time for which said laser diode is made to emit to a time for which said laser diode is not made to emit is varied at will.